

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 9, 10, 13, 15 - 17 and 21, add new claims 22 – 24, and further amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (currently amended) A method for data cleansing, comprising:
receiving ~~at least one~~ an input address;
comparing said ~~at least one~~ input address to ~~at least one~~ a standard; and
providing a single best address derived from said ~~at least one~~ input address, based on said
comparison; and
matching said single best address to a database having unique business identifiers associated with
addresses, to find a matching address for correction of said input address.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim-~~2~~ 1, wherein said database is an advanced
office system (AOS).

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim-~~2~~ 1, further comprising:
providing a match project analysis report.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
converting said ~~at least one~~ input address to a predetermined record layout, before comparing said
input address to said ~~at least one~~ standard.

6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
associating said ~~at least one~~ input address with ~~at least one~~ a code, said code being used to
determine said single best address.

7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
associating said ~~at least one~~ input address with ~~at least one~~ a score, said score being used to
determine said single best address.

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~at least one~~ standard is ~~at least one~~ selected from the group consisting of: ZIP+4 coding, coding accuracy support system (CASS), Locatable Address Conversion System (LACS), delivery sequence file (DSF), and National Change of Address (NCOA).

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
sending ~~at least one~~ a status notification to a user who supplied said ~~at least one~~ input address.

12. (currently amended) A system for data cleansing, comprising:
a pre-auditor for generating a report having a plurality of views of an input address file, said input
address file including ~~a plurality of addresses~~ a record having an input address;
a verifier for finding and removing any invalid records from said input address file;
a vendor interface for sending said input address file and an order to ~~at least one~~ a vendor, and for
receiving ~~an output~~ a file of standardized addresses from said ~~at least one~~ vendor; ~~and~~
a component for comparing said input address to said standardized addresses;
a component-user interface for providing a single best address derived from ~~each address in said~~
input address file said input address, based on said comparison; and
a matcher for matching said single best address to a database having unique business identifiers
associated with addresses, to find a matching address for correction of said input address.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The system according to claim ~~13~~ 12, further comprising:
an investigator for investigating any address not matched, upon request.

15 – 17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, wherein said plurality of views
includes a view ~~is at least one~~ selected from the group consisting of: alphabetical, most frequent
content, and alpha characters only.

19. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, wherein said vendor standardizes
addresses using ~~at least one~~ a process selected from the group consisting of: Locatable Address
Conversion System (LACS), delivery sequence file (DSF), and National Change of Address (NCOA).

20. (currently amended) A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon to
perform a method for data cleansing, comprising:
receiving ~~at least one~~ an input address;
comparing said ~~at least one~~ input address to ~~at least one~~ a standard; and
providing a single best address derived from said ~~at least one~~ input address based on said
comparison; and
matching said single best address to a database having unique business identifiers associated with
addresses, to find a matching address for correction of said input address.

21. (canceled)

22. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
accessing a record having said input address; and
correcting said record based on said matching address.

23. (new) The system of claim 12, further comprising:
a component for correcting said record based on said matching address.

24. (new). The machine readable medium of claim 20, further comprising:
accessing a record having said input address; and
correcting said record based on said matching address.